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Hi everyone and welcome to our live language clinic with the Understanding IELTS educators!

We're looking forward to answering all your questions so just post them in the comments below. Please be patient if it takes a little time to get an answer. You can use the time to read the other questions - you'll find lots of useful advice there too!

Okay let's say hi to the educators and then get started!

Neil

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Dhital Yam Thank you very much indeed .
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Walter Malagón Ruiz Thanks a lot.
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Chris LearnEnglish Thanks everyone for your questions. It's been fun!
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Margarita Burlakova Thank you Chris!
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Alaa Basuny Atta thanks for your time but you didn't answer my question
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Jakob Rio Thanks!
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Tayeba Saeed Bye
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Hind AL-Shybani Seriously I appreciate your hard efforts. May creator bless you all.
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☺☺☺ OK, Thanks
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Reham Solieman thank you educators
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Patricia Di Benedetto Thank you so much from Argentina We get on week 5!

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Faisal Nadeem May I can get online certificate of IELTS from futurelearn? or that is valid or not?

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Faisal, sorry that is not possible. There is no online IELTS test - you have to take the test at an official test centre.

Neil

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Badr Pedro hi I wana ask you

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi!

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi!

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احمد الخرباوي Hi..every one

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Ahtisham Satti Hi every one... M from UAE

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Redyar Abdulla Good evening from Kurdistan

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Esraa Elrasheid Hi Educators,

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Neil

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Ebtehal Ahmed Why you left direct comment to us to know our mistake ?

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Ebtehal Ahmed, I'm sorry but I'm not sure I understand your question!

Neil

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Ahmed Kamel I think he wants to say why don't you comment on the language mistakes in learners posts.

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Chris **LearnEnglish** Hi Ahmed. There are too many comments (almost half a million) for us to correct mistakes. We do our best to answer questions and we hope that by practising your English on the course and reading our advice and other learners' comments you'll be able to improve your English.

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LearnEnglish Teens – British Council Hi Ebtehal Ahmed, for two reasons. Firstly the most important thing is communication - we want people to feel free to communicate with us without worrying about making mistakes. If we can understand then that's all that matters. It can be demotivating and even annoying if someone corrects you all the time rather than answering your question! Secondly it's just not practical with so many posts and questions! If we corrected every one it would take us months!

Neil

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Jamilu Ahmed Pls tell me simple way to identify or how to make or turn the words into name especially using E or O eg football/footballer, administration/administrator how to know whether the name ends with E or O

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Jamilu Ahmed, unfortunately there is no easy way - you just have to check and learn them as you meet them.

Neil

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Jamilu Ahmed Sorry how?

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Dinle Ho May I suggest grammar books and online materials about this are available . There are lists of noun you can learn.

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Jamilu Ahmed Pls do that thanks

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Hind AL-Shybani Hello

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi!

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Lot De Guzman Most of the time I cannot finish answering all questions. How can I manage my time in reading and writing tests?

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Lot De Guzman, I know it's easy to say, but I'm afraid there is really only one answer - practise! And then practise some more! We will be looking at strategies later this week in the course to help you build your reading speed, and also how to ... [See More](#)

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Unt Unt Most of time I can't finished learning because of network problems. How can I completely my course?

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Unt Unt, I know that the internet connection can be a problem in your country, but the good news is that even after the course is over you will still have access to all the materials, so you can take your time and try to download the course content bit by bit over time.

Neil

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Lot De Guzman Thanks for making time for us. I have a question in IELTS reading test. What should I do if I cannot understand the question because of difficult word or phrases for me?

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Lot De Guzman, there's not a lot you can do in that situation unfortunately except try your best. Try to see if you can work out the meaning of the unfamiliar word from the context and try to answer. You should try rather than leave a blank - a wrong answer won't lose you any more marks!

Neil

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Zaheer Talpur hi,

Is it possible that we use 'not' with demo subject 'there' instead of 'NO'?

As you have used it above "there's not a lot"

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Zaheer, yes it is! The important thing is the expression a lot/not a lot - there is no expression 'no a lot'. It's the same with 'not much' for example.

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حيدر الصفار Hi everyone

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi !

Neil

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**Walter Malagón Ruiz** My question is. I read that the linking word hence is unusual. isnt it?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Walter Malagón Ruiz**, I don't know if I would call it unusual, but it's not very commonly used. It's considered very formal - more than is necessary in the context of IELTS.

Neil

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**Walter Malagón Ruiz** Ok. I've got it. Thank you Neil.

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**Mary Ziller** I also cannot find the link.

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Mary Ziller**, what link are you looking for? If you're looking for the Language Clinic, this is it!

Neil

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**Dora Salamanca** Good evening from Colombia. How long do we have the links provided in each module, available to use them?

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**Simon LearnEnglish** Hi **Dora**, the course will stay open after week 6. As long as you have your Futurelearn log-in, you'll be able to access all the steps and all the links.

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Dora Salamanca**, there is no time limit - you can access all the resources even after the course is over.

Neil

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**Dora Salamanca** Which of these sentences is correct: how much time does the interview take?
how long does the interview take?

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**Dina Goher** so our course lesson it's open forever ,.? i mean can we use them later on if we need help because u know it's hard to save all the data taken from the course

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**Mi Khaing** That's great! Thank you so much, **LearnEnglish – British Council** and Neil too. I need to study them well again.

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Dina**, yes that's right!

Neil

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**Ekram UI Haq Email** hello educators!!

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Ekram UI Haq Email**!

Neil

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**Hamdy Timtamy** some adjectives are confused for me such as respectable , respectful \ electric , electrical \ historic , historical and so on how can I overcome this problem

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Hamdy Timtamy**, there's no special way I think - these have different uses and you just have to learn the differences. For example:
<http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/.../historic-or-historical>
Respectable means obeying the moral or social standards that are accepted by most people - a respectable person is someone who can be respected for this. Respectful means that you show respect to someone else. A good dictionary will help with this like the Oxford one I linked to or this one:

<http://www.macmillandictionary.com/>

Neil

'Historic' or 'historical'? - Oxford Dictionaries

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Check from the dictionary which I can read and which help me to remember the difference.

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Write a reply...



Sa Za Hi dear educators.again and again thanks a lot for this great and amazing course.It is awesome.I love this course specially this week...reading.My English isn't perfect now but with you it will be perfect...i know and hope.Thank you so much.

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Simon LearnEnglish Hi Sa Za, reading's not everyone's favourite so it's good to know you enjoyed it!

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Alister Widdowson Hi Sa za, great to see you here, the key is to practise a lot and you are certainly doing that on the course!

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LearnEnglish Tina Hi again Sa Za, it's lovely to see you here again

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Sa Za Hi Simon.Thanks a lot.I love reading and i think it is easier than speaking and listening and writing.

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Chris LearnEnglish Hi Sa Za!

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Sa Za Hi Alister.Thanks a lot for your nice reply.I hope do this course fine.

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Sa Za Hi Tina.Thanks a lot.Nice to see you here

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Sa Za Hi Chris.Nice to see you.Thanks a lot for all your efforts.

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Sa Za!

Neil

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Sa Za Hi Neil.Thank you so much for all your efforts.you and other dear educators are great.

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Abdul Rehman hi Sa Za nice to meet you.

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Hadjomar Sayah Please can you share the link of live language clinic ? Thanks

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Simon LearnEnglish Hi Hadjomar, you're here. What question would you like to ask?

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Hadjomar Sayah When i read book which categories of book can we read for preparing GENERAL IELTS ?
can you share some Novels that may help us to improve our grammar and vocabulary ?
Thank you so much

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi **Hadjomar Sayah**, good question. My advice is to follow this Facebook page as I will be sharing links all this week to useful reading practice, including magazines, blogs, websites, novels and more.

Neil

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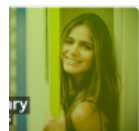
Hadjomar Sayah Thanks

Please in your site <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/>

How we can use it for better result ?

Which level can we start ?

Thank you



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Carolina and Emily are also back for the new series! Join them and Jo and Adam as they...

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Pwint Lya Moe Lay by pressing like it will follow? we will get notifications in our account?

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi **Pwint Lya Moe Lay**, that's right - but to be sure you should move your cursor over the 'liked' button and make sure 'Get notifications' is ticked as in this picture.

Neil



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Hamdy Timtamy Hi our Educators !

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi **Hamdy**! How are you today?

Neil

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Simon LearnEnglish Hi **Hamdy**, welcome!

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Reham Solieman fine thank you Neil

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Alister Widdowson Hi there!

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Hamdy Timtamy Fine Thanks a lot We are grateful for your help

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Dhital Yam Hello Sir , Good evening from Australia !! Can we use "initially , in addition , furthermore , moreover , in contrast and in conclusion instead of firstly , secondly and finally while writing body part of writing task 2 ? Thank you in advance .

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi **Dhital**, I would say it's better not to. You can use 'in conclusion' in this way, but in addition , furthermore , moreover and in contrast are more often used to link to a previous statement in the same paragraph.

Neil

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Dhital Yam Thank you very much indeed , Neil .

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Katherine Capdevila Castilla Hello. I'm doing the IELTS because it is a requirement for y working visa. Do you know how is the minimum score I should get in order to pass it?

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Alister Widdowson This will depend on the country you are applying for.

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Katherine Capdevila Castilla I'm living in Sweden

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Katherine Capdevila Castilla, you should find the answer here:

<http://www.migrationsverket.se/.../Private-individuals.html>

Neil



Private individuals - Swedish Migration Agency

The Swedish Migration Agency considers...

MIGRATIONSVERKET.SE

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P.u. Gamage Hi Sir ,good evening, I am from Sri Lanka.

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi P.u. Gamage!

Neil

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P.u. Gamage Sir, I am very poor for listening, that because pronunciation of some foreigners, and in this course dictation test also I couldn't fulfill. As well as if any thing wrong in this comment please advise.Please help me. Thanks and best regard P.U.Gamage.

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi P.u. Gamage, don't worry - it takes time and practice to be able to easily understand different accents at natural speed. If you practise a little every day with the resources on our websites, as well as things like radio, news, TV programmes etc. you will soon start to find it easier. Here are some links to start with: Listen & Watch - <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/listen-and-watch>

Professional Podcasts -

<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/.../professionals...>

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Neil



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Laila Slaim Hi educators and everyone. Hope you are doing well.

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LearnEnglish Tina Hi Laila , doing great, how about you?

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Laila!

Neil

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Laila Slaim I'm doing well. Thanks.

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Hatsuna Yasuda Good evening from Japan!

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LearnEnglish Tina Hi Hatsuna - good afternoon!

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Hatsuna!

Neil

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Myrmex Scarraga Very good morning! This is my first language clinic.

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LearnEnglish Tina Hi Myremex ... welcome:)

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Myrmex, welcome! Do you have a question?

Neil

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Myrmex Scarraga How is the length of the text in the exam? I suppose that we have to use the time properly.

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Myrmex, the total text length in the Academic Reading test is 2,150–2,750 words and you have 60 minutes to read and answer 40 questions.

Neil .

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Reham Solieman Hi everyone

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Simon LearnEnglish Hi Reham

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LearnEnglish Tina Hi Solieman

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Reham Solieman!

Neil

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Ahmed Alhayek My question is .. what a movies or series you recommend to watch for practicing on listening part

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Ahmed Alhayek, really that depends on you. Watching TV and films is certainly a good way to improve your general listening skills, but the most important thing is to choose things you really enjoy or are interested in. It's less important what they are than that you really want to watch and understand them. Sitcoms are good, but so are things like Top Gear!

Neil

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Ahmed Alhayek Thank you so much for the advice

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Chris LearnEnglish I'm sure that other learner can recommend things for you to watch. \

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Ahmed Alhayek I hope that ... thank you

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Manar Elhassan hi educators . I just want to thank u because u care

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Manar!

Neil

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**Dina Hussein** Hii

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi!

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**Unt** Hi,

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi!

Neil

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**Sai Naung** Hi

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi!

Neil

Like · Commented on by Neil Stewart McLaren · 4 hrs

**Tayeba Saeed** Hi

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**LearnEnglish Tina** Hi Tayeba, how are you do today?

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**Tayeba Saeed** I am fine by the grace of God. Thanks.

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**Tayeba Saeed** I have a question.How can I check my grammar mistakes and correct it ? Please share the link.

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**Tayeba Saeed** And I wanna to appreciate your work. Whole team is doing well. A big thanks.

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**Abdul Rehman** there are few tools available online to check about grammatical mistake like gingersoftware.com/grammarcheck but non on them work perfect so you better get advice from teacher or any person who is good at English grammar.

#1 Grammar and Spell checker

Improve your English using wisdom of crowds

GINGERSOFTWARE.COM

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**Tayeba Saeed** jazakallah kheir.

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Tayeba Saeed, as Abdul Rehman mentioned there are a number of websites for this, but the results can be quite variable and often they miss many things.

Neil

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**Tayeba Saeed** Ok Neil. Then it's better to consult to any friend that is good in English. Thanks .

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**Tagel Living** Hi Neil,am from Uganda,thanks

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Tagel Living!

Neil

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**Mary Ziller** Is there a link to a virtual classroom with audio/video?

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**Simon LearnEnglish** Hi Mary, this is the clinic. You just need to post your question here and we'll do our best to answer it!

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**Mary Ziller** Thank you.

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**Reham Solieman** i'll introduce to IELTS exam in british council

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**Snezana Snowy Brook** Regards to all Team who made this course so interesting, so easy to "get the point" to be understand to all who are not so

"fast".

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Simon LearnEnglish Hi Snezana, I'm glad you are finding it useful!

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LearnEnglish Tina What's been your best part so far Snezana

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Snezana Snowy Brook Formal-informal writing. I had quite a discussion with my husband about formal writing. (he, as RAF officer is extremely strict with writing that kind of letters.) To be honest, I am confused : on his side ,the formal letter looks like darn order, and he said : you write stories and no one is interested in your private reasons why you cant...whatever...

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Snezana, generally the modern style of standard business correspondence is more neutral rather than very formal, although of course it depends on the context. Neil

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Armando Martinez Rios Hi all people

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LearnEnglish Tina Hello Armando

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Armando Martinez Rios Hello Tina nice to met you

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David Lewis Hi everyone!

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Tajedin Jahar thank you i liked the discussion

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Hayitheim Gasmelsied In the reading task the time is very limited and if I will read All the text and the questions their will not be enough time to answer.

what should I do?

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Hayitheim Gasmelsied, the ability to read text of 2,150–2,750 words in one hour and answer 40 questions is actually part of the test. It's not easy, but it is possible and students who get higher band scores need to be able to do this. It takes time and practice, but if you really work at it, you'll get there! Neil

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Ebtehal Ahmed Thank you to all teacher I'm Intresting and learn more

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Abu Bakkar Siddique HI

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LE Freddie Hello Everyone. I'm Freddie one of the educators. Looking forward to answering your questions

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Margarita Burlakova I try learning English since several years. I arrived to some level and staying in it with a progress for many time. What is happen? I have to change my style of learning, strategy, something else? Thank you.

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Pwint Lya Moe Lay can i sit exam after finish this online course without doing any course outside?how do i know if i can do and get good band or not?

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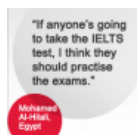


LE Freddie Hi Margarita. Sometimes it can be difficult to move from one level to another but with hard work and patience I am sure you will improve. Sometimes you do not notice that you really are making progress. I am sure that after studying this course you will have improved your English

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LE Freddie Hi Pwint. You can do the exam if you want but you'll have to decide if you think you are ready. How confident do you feel? What kind of score are you getting in mock exams? If you are really not sure perhaps you can find a class/tutor to give you a couple of classes? Here are some mock exams to help you practice and self evaluate: <http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/.../free-practice-tests>



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Pwint Lya Moe Lay got it.its give band score as well?

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Pwint Lya Moe Lay I am good in speaking and full confident about it.but listening is really pblm .only 30 sec not enough for read questions and what is strategies for that. i got good mark in sec 1 2 3 but 4 i wrong in all questions.

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Write a reply...



Kim Kye Hi teachers, how are you doing? thanks for the useful tips and the time you spend on helping us! My important question today is: "Where can I find more help to check my writing and correct the mistakes I make? I'm trying to write as much as possible now but really don't want to bother my friends. And they don't always have a useful advice to my questions. Thanks in advance and have a nice week!

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LE Freddie Hi Kim. Unfortunately the British Council do not offer a service for checking mistakes online. You'd need to find an English class in your area and a teacher who can help you.

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Pwint Lya Moe Lay hi.my name in course is Moe Pwint Phyu.I wonder also about my writing skills and correction.how could we know our band score and correction.I am thinking to paste in comment but not sure educators can correct it.

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Dina Goher <https://www.google.com.sa/search?newwindow=1&site=...>
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Zahraa Maitham Al-khateeb greate question and i have the same problem

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Cathy Ruiz Hello IELTS educators! Here is my question, at the speaking part of the test can we used informal language?

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David Lewis Hello Cathy Ruiz, you can use informal language, but it should be appropriate to what you are being asked. I'd avoid using slang, or any terms that could be considered rude.

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Alister Widdowson I wouldn't recommend very informal language or slang, but I wouldn't use very formal language either. We normally aim for a neutral style in the interview. have a look at this <http://www.bbc.co.uk/.../topic/formal-and-informal-speaking>



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Cathy Ruiz Thanks!!!

Unlike · 1 · Yesterday at 3:07pm



Alister Widdowson You're welcome!

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Ghandi Ahmad Thanks our Educators.

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LearnEnglish Tina Thanks for joining the course

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Write a reply...



Luna Morales Hi our educators!

It's morning here in Bogota, COL

Could you tell me if writing test consider spelling questions or something like that?

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David Lewis Hello Luna Morales, there is no direct test of spelling, but accuracy of spelling is one of the factors that is considered by examiners when judging your vocabulary.

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سارة عادل Hi sir ,am sorry my question not about IELTS but i cant find the videos of snack grammer in the site of british council, in which section is it?, please

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Simon LearnEnglish Hi ساره عادل, is this link useful for you?

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سارة عادل Thank you very much, simon and tina

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Walter Malagón Ruiz Thanks a lot. that was a good experience. There were interesting questions and comments. Thanks our teachers.

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LearnEnglish Tina Glad you enjoyed it Walter!

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Hadjomar Sayah Hi Educators from Algeria

Please can you explain when we use superlative adjectives ?

Thanks

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LearnEnglish Tina Hi Hadjomar - you could take a look here at our LearnEnglish website:

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/.../comparative...>

comparative and superlative adjectives

We use comparative adjectives to describe people and things:
This car is certainly better but it's much more expensive. I'm
feeling happier now. We need a bigger garden We use than
when we want to compare one thing with another:

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LearnEnglish – British Council ...and here Hadjomar:
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Comparative and superlative adjectives

When we want to compare two or more things,...

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Alister Widdowson Hi Hadjomar, this link might help you
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Yanira Torres Martinez Just to say thanks for all the great tips we are
learning.

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**Than Than Aye** Hi my teachers,

Thanks for everything. I want to ask some questions.

1. We haven't a kite.
2. We don't have a kite.

Which one is right?

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Nilar ShuneLett Hello, I think
no.2 is right.

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David Lewis Hello Than Than Aye, the second version would be the
typical usage. British people often say 'We haven't got a kite,' but the
usage of 'I haven't' while possible, is unusual. More explanation here:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/.../1535_questionanswer/page48.shtml



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Alister Widdowson Both of them are correct but the first one is a bit
unusual these days and I wouldn't suggest using it (although we do
say 'I haven't a clue...'). You can also say 'I haven't got a kite' which is
very common usage and fine for the exam.

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**Than Than Aye** Thanks a lot for your kindly answers.

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**Zakia Al-jaroodi** Hi our educators,,

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**LearnEnglish Tina** Hello!

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Ahlam Alkhateeb Hi Dear educators ,thanks a lot for this amazing course .by the 5th week I feel confident .but I think we should study hard since we got the main points .I am asking if the links within the course will be open after we finish the course or not?

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LearnEnglish Tina Hi Ahlam, that's wonderful to hear that you are gaining confidence through doing the course. The course will be available even after Week 6 as well as the links.

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Chris LearnEnglish Hi everyone. I hope we can answer all of your questions today.

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Dhital Yam Hello Sir , how are you ? I am getting a lot of knowledge , tips and techniques while taking the understanding IELTS course via future learn . It's really incredible ... Thank you very much indeed Chris sir

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Chris LearnEnglish Thanks Dhital. It's our pleasure to help so many of you.

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Write a reply...



Kelly Barron Hi educators, I teach IELTS preparation and some of my students want to know prescriptive formula for writing, e.g. how many complex sentences are required to achieve a band 6 or 7. How would you respond to questions such as these? Thanks in advance

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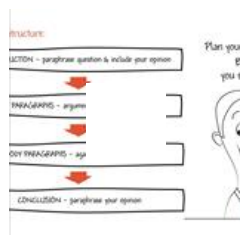
LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Kelly, I would explain to them that it's not possible or helpful to think in those terms. You have to explain to them that Band scores are not awarded based on a simple checklist of 'x complex sentences = Band 7', but on the overall effectiveness of the essay and the interplay of the four criteria in the band descriptors. I think the best approach would be to use the materials from Weeks 4 and 6 on assessment to help them see that, and also perhaps share these videos with them:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=43AlGwz1Aq0...>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PzjXIOvWVt0>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dUJV_okEACo

Neil



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Nhật Hạ Good evening everyone. It seems to be good time to see you.

I often have trouble with reading long and complex sentences. And I also find difficulties in identifying the main idea of the paragraph.

I would like to request some assistance. Thank you, Neil!

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Nhật Hạ, try these links. The first is a simple introduction on how to approach this, the second is a more advanced mini-course in academic reading:

1) <https://www.irsc.edu/.../Writin.../Finding-the-Main-Idea.pdf>

2) <http://www.uefap.com/reading/readfram.htm>

Neil

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Hadjomar Sayah Hi Educators

i'm asking if there is a plan for preparing for the IELTS ? i seen very resources on the internet but how i can do some plan for it .. which better to learn from it books or videos ? how i can start preparing for the IELTS ?

Thanks

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David Lewis Hello Hadjomar, are you on the Understanding IELTS

course? This is probably the best online plan you can use at the moment, as it guides you through every part of the exam and gives lots of tips and advice. Is it better to learn from books or videos? I think both are useful, different resources will give you different types of practice and the wider range you use, the more you will learn.

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Hadjomar Sayah Thank you i'm on the course just i have to manage my time
Thank you David Lewis

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Michal Jarosz Hi educators! People say 'If you don't ask, you'll never know'. So here's my question, why doesn't IELTS provide feedback for the writing tasks? Thanks in anticipation.

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Michal, IELTS is not alone in this - in fact I don't know of any international language test that does give individual feedback! In both Cambridge exams and TOEFL you simply get a statement of results like with IELTS. Apart from questions of confidentiality, it would be highly impractical.

Neil

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Thu Rein One more thing, concerned with speaking section part 3. What is the proper response to the opinion questions? It should be reasons, then examples from my experience and then alternatives ideas for the questions? Please guide me on that. Thank you educators.

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David Lewis Opinion questions in part three often want you to not say your opinion, but explain other people's views. You could use examples from your own experience, but it may be more useful to say what is normally for people in your country. For example, instead of saying 'I like tea for breakfast because it's a refreshing drink,' you might want to say, 'most British people prefer tea for breakfast as it's considered a refreshing drink.'

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Thu Rein Hi David I find your advice useful. If you could tell me a format of answer those questions, that would be great. For example, like this question_ Why do you think companies do not want the employees to wear bright clothes? How you would answer step by step?

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Shaimaa Almshary that is very useful and essay to learn.. thank you

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Alister Widdowson Hi everyone, looking forward to answering some of your questions today

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Nebal Saada Good evening everyone, I need help regarding the details about the IELTS exam. I'm from Syria and I intend to take the exam in Lebanon, however I can't find the exact dates and times of the exam. As you know I need to know in advanced how long does it take to finish the exam in order to arrange for my accommodation in Lebanon especially with the new laws regarding Syrian visitors requiring permissions to enter the country (visiting Lebanon is limited to causes and time spent) ... I'll be so grateful if someone could lead me to steps needed in more details as I need to take the exam in order to join my British husband in UK very soon. Thank you in advanced.

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LearnEnglish Tina Hi Nebal - you could try these two links:

<http://www.britishcouncil.org.lb/en/about/contact>

<http://www.britishcouncil.org.lb/.../dates-fees-locations> I hope they help!



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Narantuya Jamsran Hello. Everybody. Thank you. This course is every useful. I took IELTS exam. But I received 5 score. After that I have been learning this course. I hope my English skill is improving. So is it enough to improve English skill to study this course and practice

<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/> this online exercise?



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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Narantuya, doing a short course like this alone is not enough, but yes if you continue practising every day, not only with our website, but also with all the great resources we've shared on the course, then you will undoubtedly continue to improve.

Neil

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HongPhuong Chu Hi, I have difficulty finding keywords from a lot of words in the text. I usually try to read all the text and understand before answering the questions instead of scan for keywords that appeared in questions. However, this way seems to waste more time so that I sometimes can't complete all the questions on time. You have any suggest for my strategy? Thanks so much

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi HongPhuong Chu, we look at exactly those questions on the course this week in Step 5.4, so make sure you go through the comments there. Also take a look at the 'Efficient' section of this website for advice and practice:

<http://www.uefap.com/reading/readfram.htm>

Neil

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Diego Ordóñez Pasaje Hi everyone...I have a dyslexia. How can I mitigate my problem during the test?could you give an advise, please?

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Chris LearnEnglish Hi Diego. You'd need to talk to your local IELTS test centre about what allowances they can make for you. Where are you?

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Diego Ordóñez Pasaje I am in Colombia, but I will take the IELTS test in Canada

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Chris LearnEnglish The test centre will advise you on what you need to do and what they can do for you.

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Diego Ordóñez Pasaje Thank you very much indeed

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Rod Smith Hi Diego. The British Council has many test centres in Canada, especially in Toronto. Simply contact British Council IELTS Canada for more information.

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Rod Smith Hi Diego. I'm sorry, I didn't see your previous comment about dyslexia. Your local test centre in Canada can make provisions for your condition. Contact Conestoga College, Kitchener, Ontario for more information. They will be able to help you.

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Write a reply...



Reem Qusai Hi our educators. I would like to thank you for these amazing courses and I would like to ask you about how can I improve my reading and writing?

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Simon LearnEnglish Hi Reem, I'm glad you're enjoying the course. The best way to improve you're reading is to read. It really is the best advice I can offer. Think about what you're interested in, then find reading material on the subject.

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Simon LearnEnglish For writing, here's a link to help you improve for the IELTS test: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/professionals-exams-ielts...>



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Mustafa S Mahdi my angel

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Reem Qusai Thanks a lot Mr. Simon

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Reem Qusai Mustafa S Mahdi

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Write a reply...



Bashayer Bonita Hi to the best educators

In the pre-closing formula in a letter. In an informal letter, I can write 'I'm Really Looking Forward To Seeing You!' but in a formal letter, 'I Look Forward To Seeing You.'

They look similar, but different. I'd like to know t... [See More](#)

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Alister Widdowson Hi Bashayer. You are completely right about the formal and informal letters. It's an interesting thing about 'look forward' that present continuous is informal but present simple is formal. be careful with your capital letters though.

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Alister Widdowson For you other question, Why is it...? would be used with a normal question - in your example, I would write this. 'Why is it that someone ...?' You would use 'why it is' when you are asking an indirect question like this. 'Could you tell me why it is that someone ...? Hope that's useful.

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Bashayer Bonita Thank you so much for the sweet replies Mr. Alister. Yes, I just wanted to add attention to both sentences here in my question. Although, it's correct that I put capital letter only in the beginning of a sentence.

I have more interesting question, you've said: for you other question, why did you say YOU not YOUR

I have seen this in many books I read.

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Hind AL-Shybani Thank you for your efforts . If you would not mind, I will ask 2 questions???? Educator Rob mentioned last week in writing that examiner would assess different tenses in writing. But when I studied in college, our doctors would advice us to use simple ... [See More](#)

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Alister Widdowson Hi, You need to demonstrate an appropriate range of grammar in the exam so it is very unlikely that a single tense will do for a whole question. Don't use deliberately complicated grammar just for show but you will generally need a number of different tenses in each piece of writing.

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Hind AL-Shybani So I will use different tenses not complicated grammar. Ok Thank you.

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Sara Pavone how many times there are this language clinic? thanks!

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LearnEnglish Tina Hi Sara, for this Understanding IELTS course there have been three Facebook clinics and in our next Exploring English FutureLearn course there is usually two. Unfortunately there aren't anymore for this course

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Aone Himel Do the IELTS examiners have any preference to American pronunciation or British pronunciation in Speaking section????

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David Lewis There's no preference for accent in the exam. What's important is that you demonstrate good, clear pronunciation (it doesn't matter if it isn't native pronunciation) and can also use stress and

intonation to show meaning.

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Aone Himel Thank you!!!

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Jakob Rio Hi everyone! I have just one question. What time should I use (usually) by answering the questions in the writing section?

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LE Freddie Hi Jakob. It is recommended that you should spend 20 minutes on part 1, and 40 minutes on part 2.

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Jakob Rio Oh, I am sorry, I choosed the wrong expression (collocations!!!! ;D). I wrote time but what I ment was tense. So, could you please tell me, which tense is normally required to answer the question in the writing section?

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Jakob Rio, you will need to use a mixture of tenses in the essay question, depending on the question itself. In Academic Task One, it will depend on the data that you have to describe - for example if you are comparing data from 2010 and 2012, it would all be in the past, but you need to read the question carefully and decide which tenses you will need.

Neil

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Sari Púrpura Thank you so much for your time and help, I have been reading all the questions of all the students here, and it is helping me so much.

Regards

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Simon LearnEnglish Hi, here are a couple of links to help you:
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Articles 1

There are lots of rules about the use of articles. Here we'll concentrate on 3 golden rules. Most mistakes with articles are made through breaking one of these rules. 1. When we say what people's jobs are, we use a/an

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Articles 2

In Articles 1 we looked at the 3 golden rules of articles: People's jobs have a/an. He's an architect. Singular countable nouns have an article. That's the woman I met last week. Things in general – no article. Cats like mice. Here we look at some other rules for the use of articles. Special places

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Ebru Kurtulan Bülbül Hi! I am from Turkey and I'm an English teacher. I had very useful links from your course. Are your courses for the adults only? From which age does it begin?

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LearnEnglish Tina Hi Ebru - you can do the FutureLearn courses from 13 years old. Glad you are getting some useful links, can you use them for your classes?

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Ebru Kurtulan Bülbül I teach young kids but I give private courses for adults who want to get a score in exams such as ielts or toefl. The listening links were very useful and interesting. I haven't seen them before anywhere. Thanks

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Ebru Kurtulan Bülbül, we created many of them especially for this course.

Neil

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Reham Solieman can i ask question about certificate of understanding IELTS from futurelearn?

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Chris LearnEnglish Hi Reham. Yes - what's your question?

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Simon LearnEnglish Hi Reham here's more information about the Statement of Participation: <https://www.futurelearn.com/.../statement-of-participation>



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Zahraa Maitham Al-khateeb hi educators what's the advantages i would have if i receive the certificate

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Chris LearnEnglish Hi Zahraa. Some people use the Statement of Participation as evidence of their continuing professional development but what advantages you get depends on what you want to do with it.

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Dora Salamanca how much time does the interview take? how long does the interview take?

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Simon LearnEnglish Hi Dora, an IELTS interview takes 14 - 15 minutes. You can find out more about the speaking part of the test in Week 2.

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Mohammed Alomari thank you so much for useful course I think I can improve my English with your courses

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LearnEnglish Tina That's great to hear Mohammed!

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Nilar ShuneLett Hello.

I'd like to know advantages of the certificate we can get. How useful is it? I hope you'll answer exactly about the certificate.

Thank you.

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Chris LearnEnglish Hi Nilar. Some people use the Statement of Participation as evidence of their own continuing development. I think your question 'how useful is it?' depends on what exactly you want to do.

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Nilar ShuneLett I want to know the certificate can help me for something like when I go to BC for learning English.

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Zahraa Maitham Al-khateeb does it help in applying for jobs or in enrolling in colleges

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Chris LearnEnglish Hi Nilar & Zahraa. The Statement shows that you are a keen and self-motivated learner. It is not a formal English qualification like IELTS and doesn't certify your level of English. So, if you want to show that you are self-motivated then it might help you but it doesn't prove your level of English. I hope this answers your question.

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Nilar ShuneLett Hello Mr.Chris, Thanks for your answer. Besides this, I'd like to request you to attract us to buy that certificate.

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Chris LearnEnglish Hi Nilar - it's up to you to decide that, if you think the certificate will be useful for you.

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Dina Goher hello there i'd ask why that the listening part is more difficult here-IELTS - than the other English tests when we hear something all of us will concentrate on the general meaning of what they were talking about or something like that guys we are not concentrating or even taking notes for a specific words to fill the plank please guys help thanks a lot

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Simon LearnEnglish Hi Dina, the IELTS test is designed as a test for people who would like to study or migrate. For studying, note taking is very important (in lectures for example) so it's important that the listening test tests this skill.

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Dina Goher there is other tests like TOEFL IBT for example does not as for a specific words we cannot note them all or even the most important it asks you to know what they were talking about by choosing the right answer from many is this not enough to test the skill ?

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Simon LearnEnglish Here's a link to help you prepare:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_3qJobgmFQ



IELTS Listening: Improve your English and prepare...

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Dina Goher thank you a lot simon

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Dina Goher so could i ask one more question

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Dina Goher

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Dina Goher i have some poor friends they really want to examine IELTS what if hey do not have money is there is any chance for help them or pay for them instead from you guys they will be grateful

Like · 1 · Yesterday at 3:09pm



Chris LearnEnglish Hi Dina. I'm afraid there's no way we could help with payment for the IELTS test.

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Dina Goher thanks for being clear dear appreciating

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Dina Goher there is no summary video showing the test conditions and how it looks like i really have no idea about how things goes on in the IELTS so i want to know more

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Chaoqun Zhang Thanks for your kindness again! i have one more question about speaking: is it better to use some idioms like 'to go around the houses' 'in black and white' 'a close shave' etc in speaking part? I listen to the Podcast The English We Speak and find it interesting.

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LE Freddie Hi Chaoqun. I would be careful about using too many idioms as your speech may sound unnatural and some are difficult to use appropriately. Collocations are more appropriate to use.

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Chaoqun Zhang Thanks for your advice. Then i will focus on collocations as actually i do not often use collocations.....Thank you

again.

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Yasmin Green I'm studying for ielts exam in August .but I need 7.5 score in academic version and I am looking for online course for it .do you have any suggestions for me .

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Yasmin Green, are you studying on our Understanding IELTS course? If so then you will find a huge amount of resources linked to throughout the course. That's a great place to start, as well as following the advice which we give in each step of the course.

Neil

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Nicola Sanna Hi there, it's a windy and sunny day in Bournemouth, UK. My question is about the reading test during the actual IELTS exam: will I be allowed to read the text again while answering to the questions, or is it all about memory? In this case, I really doubt to pass the test, to be fair...

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LE Freddie Hi Nicola. You can and should refer to the text whilst answering the questions.

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Nicola Sanna Thank you, that's exactly what I wanted to read!

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Imèèn Imèèn so is there any diffrence between like and as ?

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Alister Widdowson Hi, have a look at this link.

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/.../grammar.../and>

As and Like

Try this grammar exercise. If you want more information about this area of grammar you can click the link(s) in the Grammar Support block on the right.

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Imèèn Imèèn thank you

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Chris LearnEnglish Hi Imeen. Yes - although it's not always easy to know which to use. This will help:

<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/.../british.../as-or-like>



As or like ? - English Grammar
Today - Cambridge Dictionaries...

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Evelyn Andrea Hi guys, is there any site or forum where I can know native english speakers to improve my spelling in Mozambique?

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Simon LearnEnglish Hi Evelyn, I'm afraid I don't know any forums like that. Here's a link which may help you though:

<http://esol.britishcouncil.org/.../vocabulary-and-spelling>



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Evelyn Andrea Thank you Simon!

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Ahmad Merghany Hi educators, how are IELTS Reading band scores calculated?

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Ahmad Merghany, check out our Band Score calculator to give you a clear idea of this:
<http://www.ieltspractice.com/ieltscalculator.php>
 Neil

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Hetal Prashant Purohit Hi Educators! Can you please guide me how to summarise last paragraph i mean what connectors we use and how to start for task 2 spl the connectors?many thanks!!

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Simon LearnEnglish Hi Hetal, it's very common for people to start the last paragraph with 'In conclusion' or 'In summary'. You should try to put into words what you're overall argument is.

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Armando Martinez Rios In the first part of writing the modal auxiliary would is for a formal letter. Is there any word equivalent in the informal way?

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LE Freddie Hi Armando. We often use 'would' to make polite requests and suggestions'. It can be used in more informal contexts although it might be replaced by another modal that sounds a little more direct, e.g. 'can'. for requests, e.g. 'would you mind telling me....', 'can you let me know....'. We also use would to sound less direct in other kinds of phrases, e.g. 'I would be grateful if you could reply as soon as possible'. Here a more informal version might sound something like "Could you get back to me as soon as you can".

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Eugenia Pretel Hello Neil. I would like to ask you about the speaking test. One of the marking criteria is grammatical range and accuracy. What grammatical structures should one use if aiming to Band 9?

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Eugenia, I'm afraid I can't really answer that. the assessment is not based on a shopping list of structures, but on how effectively and appropriately they are used to express your ideas. I'm sure you have a clear idea of the type of things this means - a range of tenses, conditionals, relative clauses, inversion for emphasis, parallel structures and many more. But the point is, simply using a list of structures does not mean that you will get Band 7, 8 or 9 - what is important is how you use them, in combination with the other criteria to answer the question.

Neil

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Islam El Shahidi Hello, my question is reading questions before the text is a good strategy before scanning and skimming ?

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Islam El Shahidi, there's no easy answer to that. Some students and teachers prefer that approach, others disagree. My advice would be try out both ways on practice tests and see what works best for you.

Neil

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Mustafa S Mahdi Hello sirs , and thanks to your great page & thankfulness for your efforts in each section of courses , kindly my question about writing what the way where can i get more vocabulary to use it when I am write something ?

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Simon LearnEnglish Hi Mustafa, noting down new vocabulary when you find it is a great way to learn new words. Here's a link which may help you as well: <http://esol.britishcouncil.org/.../vocabulary-and-spelling>



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LE Freddie Hi Mustafa. Try to read and listen to as much English as you can. Find things you really enjoy or are interested in and it will help. Finding new vocabulary is easy, but learning it is more difficult. Here are some tips and tools to help you:

Learning new words - <http://bit.ly/1GLgcLt>
 Improve your vocabulary - <http://goo.gl/GP1i1f>
 Using word cards: <http://goo.gl/66zW6h>
 Using mind maps: <http://goo.gl/DaLU6Z>
 Using tables: <http://goo.gl/MeScgo>
 My Wordbook 2 app: <http://goo.gl/SZi7SN>

You can find the meaning of new words and see examples of how to use them here:

<http://www.macmillandictionary.com>
<http://www.oxforddictionaries.com>
<http://frazee.it>

Learning new words

This section gives you lots of advice and ideas on how you can learn new words. When you're learning a new language it's really important to keep learning new words to improve your vocabul

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Mustafa S Mahdi Thanks a lot my dear simon

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Mustafa S Mahdi Wow amazing links thank you so so so much LE
 LE Freddie

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Joman Tariq Hi Mr Neil,

I have some difficult to know the meaning of new vocabulary especially complex words were published long ago so could you tell me some links to improve reading skill.

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LE Freddie Hi Joman. There are several good learner dictionaries that can be used to help understand the meaning of new words you encounter: <http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/>
<http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/>
<http://www.idoceanline.com/>



Cambridge English Dictionary: Meanings & Definitions

The most popular dictionary and thesaurus....

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Joman Tariq Thanks for you

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Julia Kholmakova In the course on Futurelearn about IELTS the tasks are much easier than in real test. It's not very good)

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Julia Kholmakova, sorry you feel that way! Which tasks are you thinking of? The aim of the course is not to test students for IELTS but to help them prepare for the test and familiarise themselves with the structure, format and type of questions they will face. Some of our tasks are official IELTS practice tasks, but others are created to help you reflect on the course content or stimulate discussion. The course has to be accessible for people at a range of levels, so the important thing with these tasks is to support the content, not to push people too hard.

Neil

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Gurudutt Raghavendra I have an academic question : Do we have to write an Exam / Test after week 6. If yes How, Where and When ?

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LearnEnglish Tina No Gurudutt, don't worry there is no written exam/test that you need to do at the end of his course.

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A.J. Lobo How can I know when to use "just" and "only"... i want some examples please..m

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Lena Ann

http://www.bbc.co.uk/.../2009/06/090818_aae_just_only.shtml

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A.J. Lobo Thanks

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Write a reply...



Ahmed Kamel I'm a bit confused using some group words, these words are single in structure but express plural meaning such as people, team, crew....etc, how we should treat with this words form plural or singular point ?? Thank you.

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LearnEnglish - British Council Hi Ahmed Kamel, people is not singular in structure, it is an irregular plural - the plural of person. So people needs a plural verb. With collective nouns like team, crew, family etc. it is a little more complicated. They can be used with singular or plural verbs depending on context and how you are thinking of them. In British English we most often use them with plural verbs, but both are possible. For example, 'family'. If we think of a family as a group of individuals then we use the plural form - my family are coming for dinner on Sunday for example. When we think of 'family' as a single unit, then it is different. For example, 'my family is quite large' - here I'm describing the family unit, not the individuals. As I said, in British English in sentences like the first one, we prefer to use the plural.
Neil

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Thu Rein In Reading section, there are three passages we need to read and answer. Are they any difficulty difference in those passages? I heard someone tips that the first passage is a bit easy then second one comes difficult then the last one is the hardest part. Is there any difficult differences in those passages? Please kindly reply. Thank you in advance.

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Simon LearnEnglish Hi Thu, I think there may be slight differences in difficulty as not all of them are true/false/not given. This is usually the one which causes candidates the most difficulty.

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Thu Rein Thank you Simon. I always get confused between No and Not given. If you do not mind, please kindly clarify me on it. Thank you.

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Chris LearnEnglish Hi Thu Rein - we'll cover this in the course this week: <https://www.futurelearn.com/.../understanding.../steps/31056>



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LE Freddie Hi Thu. I think this is generally right. Certainly for the general module, text three is more challenging than the earlier ones.

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Thu Rein Thank you so much Mr. Chris.

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Pwint Lya Moe Lay can i sit exam after finish this online course without doing any course outside?how do i know if i can do and get good band or not?

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Simon LearnEnglish Hi Pwint, you can sit the exam anytime you like. The exam will give you an accurate score of your language when you take it. If you want to get a good score, you should wait until you have improved your English and you feel confident to take the test.

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Pwint Lya Moe Lay is there any website with sample questions for all skills same like IELTS exam and get band?

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LE Freddie Hi Pwint. I answered your question above. Thanks.

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Pwint Lya Moe Lay eee.i cant find it anymore.sorry can you paste here?lol:P

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Mohammad Zahirul Islam hi do i need to learn full english grammar properly to do well in IELTS written part?

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LE Freddie Hi Mohammed. There are lots of sites that can help you with grammar and writing. Here are a few links to get you started:
<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/grammar-exercises> Academic Writing
Writing for a Purpose - <http://goo.gl/O5wmaE>
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Armando Martinez Rios What is your advise respect to the use of semi-formal style? I have clear formal and informal, but I'm confused for this style

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Armando Martinez Rios, formality is not black and white, it's a spectrum from very, very informal 'street' language, up to very, very formal language only used in special situations. Semi-formal is the level people use in typical everyday work or educational contexts. For example if you are speaking to clients at work or colleagues from another office you wouldn't speak to them like your close friends at a party and you wouldn't use slang etc.! You would want to be friendly and polite but you wouldn't want to be too formal because it could sound unnatural plus the formality could make it seem less friendly. That's what semi-formal is - a conversational tone, but with some features of formal language.

Neil

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Tayeba Saeed How can I check my grammar mistakes and correct it online? Please share the link.

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Simon LearnEnglish Hi Tayeba, I'm not aware of any websites that can correct your grammar. Our LE Website has useful resources you might like: <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/grammar-exercises>



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Tayeba Saeed Thank you so much.

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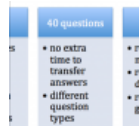
Pinky Chaudhary Hello sir, I have my lets next week and my main problem is this reading sectioncan you please tell me how to read effectively and

understand the passage and get right answer in the given time.....please tell me about key words....how to search keyword in a question and answer? and also how to find the right answer from the passage ?

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Pinky, first of all good luck with your test! Make sure you follow the advice we share in this course! Unfortunately I can't tell you these things - they are not simple facts, they are skills, and the only way to develop them is through practice. As well as the activities we share this week, check out this website for some good practice and advice:
<http://www.dielts.com/ielts-reading-guide/>
Neil



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An IELTS reading guide with a map of the test, a band score calculator and advice and practice...

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Hayitheim Gasmelsied Hi every one
Nice to join the clinic at my first time

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Simon LearnEnglish Hi Hayitheim, nice to see you here. Thanks for joining us.

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Pwint Lya Moe Lay hi, Thanks for course and all your effort for work basic in oversea, how much band they normally ask?

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Simon LearnEnglish Hi Pwint, it really depends what country you want to go to and what job you would like to do. You should look for information online to help you. Maybe start with the immigration pages of the country you would like to go to.

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Thu Rein Hi Educators, In the listening part, some speakers are really fast and cannot catch some words because of their accent and speed of their speech. How can I overcome to get familiar with those speech? Your reply would be appreciated. **Thu Rein**

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Thu Rein, that's normal if you are not in the habit of listening to natural-speed English every day, or a variety of accents. As we say on the course, the only solution is practice! Here are some useful resources to get you started, plus check the useful links we shared in Steps 3.9 and 3.12 to help you!
Neil

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Shaza Osman Hi every one , my question is what i do to improve my english and what kind of movies and song can use to improve

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Tural Turan good question, because if you watch American films you may understand nothing . i read that , the useful thing to start is kids` movies, cartoons and them comedies , stand ups , making more and more serious passing every level.

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Shaza Osman Thanks for answer

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Shaza Osman, check my answer to Thu Rein for help with this.
Neil

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Навруз Рахимов Hi everyone I'm uzbek and only a 15-year old boy. I'm not a native english speaker. I need your advice. It's my dream to enter the Oxford university. What do you think will I be able to get 8.5 in IELTS if I try my best.

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Навруз Рахимов, well the good news is that Oxford don't ask for 8.5 - they ask for 7.0:
<http://www.ox.ac.uk/.../int.../english-language-requirements#>
 And the other good news is that yes, if you try your best I'm sure you can do it - but it will take time and hard work. Follow the advice on the course, practise English every day with the resources we share, and you'll soon start to see improvement.
 Neil



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Abu Moaad Zakaria hi , my question that sometimes I'M Suffering when read some questions or paragraphs and having a new vocabulary and the full meaning of sentence may be not clear , how can I find the best solution in this case.

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Abu Moaad Zakaria, that can certainly be a problem. There are a few things to think about. First of all the new vocabulary may not be necessary to answer the questions, so check first before spending too much time on it. If it is in part of the text which may be important, then the first thing to do is ignore the unfamiliar word. Read the rest of the sentence or paragraph and see if you can understand the overall meaning without that word. That can happen sometimes! If not then try to work out the meaning from the context. Read the sentences before and after - they often explain or give more details. Try to think what other words would make sense there instead. But remember, time is limited so you can't spend long on this. If you can't work it out, then guess an answer and move on - you don't want to lose more points for questions you can answer because you spent too long on one you couldn't! Concentrate on the ones you can get.
 Neil

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Rose Flower Hi . I can speak English but not very well or influenty , can you tell me a way to improve my speaking skills

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Rose Flower, look back at Week Two of our course for lots of help with this!
 Neil

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Nusaiba Al-Azri My question is about listening:
 Are we going to hear the answers in the record the same order of the question?!

The first answer then second then third ... etc

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Nusaiba Al-Azri, yes.
 Neil

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Snezana Snowy Brook Also want to express my gratitude for all exceptional good links which will keep me busy quite a while

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LearnEnglish Tina That's great Snezana - we're glad they are keeping you busy

Like · Yesterday at 2:46pm



David Lewis Thanks, glad we're helping you.

Like · Yesterday at 2:47pm



Snezana Snowy Brook ha,ha, hahhaha Tina, yes they do, and my husband is very grateful for that (keep me quiet in hours:-))

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Snezana Snowy Brook David you all are gave me a great deal of help and I am thanking you. Also I copied all links and sent to my granddaughters in Sweden (to make them busy too. they have two extra languages to learn: Swedish and and English,so those links will do a great "job")

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Maria Dolores Morosini hello!!! good morning from Argentina!!

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LearnEnglish Tina Afternoon Maria

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Teh Mina hello, from Armenia

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Alister Widdowson Good morning from England Maria

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Snezana Snowy Brook Good afternoon Maria, it's nice to be all together with the same on mind in the same place, same time - like a date

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Maria Dolores Morosini yesss of course!!!!

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Write a reply...



Shahnaz Ferdous How do I count words in writing section ?

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David Lewis Hello Shahnaz, you don't need to count every word, but rather have an idea what is normal for you. Find a few essays you have written and count how many words you have on each line, and then make an average. If your average is 10 words a line, then you know that ten lines will usually be 100 words.

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Chris LearnEnglish Hi Shahnaz. We've talked about this on the course. You count the words by counting the words It's really useful to know what 150 / 250 words looks like in your handwriting - practise doing that when you write so you don't need to spend valuable time counting during the test.

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Shahnaz Ferdous Thank you very much.

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Simon LearnEnglish Hi everyone

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Chaoqun Zhang Good evening from China~ should i remember all the unfamiliar words by noting down them while reading? Another question is that what is the best way to read articles. Is it right to look up in a dictionary for unfamiliar word while reading the first time or is it better to search them after reading? Many thanks!

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David Lewis Hello Chaoqun, you probably don't need to remember every unknown word you come across when reading, you can often usually understand a text without knowing every word. But those you do want to check later are worth noting down. I'd suggest trying to work out their meaning from context before checking in a dictionary.

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LE Freddie Hi Chaoqun. Good question. It is important to learn new vocabulary whilst reading, but learning every unknown word is not helpful as there are too many to learn. You could use the Cambridge Learner Dictionary to check the level of the word. Words that are B1, B2, C1, C2 are good words to record and review. Remember that when reading and coming across unknown words in the IELTS test, you may have to guess the meaning from the context, so this is an important skill to practice too.

<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/>



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[DICTIONARY.CAMBRIDGE.ORG](http://dictionary.cambridge.org)

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Chaoqun Zhang Thanks for your reply~i will try. and i want to know whether it is better to use a English dictionary like Longman DOCE5? But sometimes i find it easier for me to use Chinese-English

dictionary when reading. It make me understand the meaning more quickly so i can read fast.....

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Phyophyo Pwint Hlaing I am very weak in listening . How can i improve it .

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LearnEnglish Tina Hi Phyophyo, try to spend a little time each day listening to English. Try and listen to something that you are interested in to ... here are some links you could try: Listen & Watch - <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/listen-and-watch>
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Phyophyo Pwint Hlaing thanks

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David Lewis First of all are you on the Understanding IELTS course?
If yes, look at the tips in the listening week. Also, you could try the material on Learn English
<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/listen-and-watch>



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Ghandi Ahmad In writing test:

1- How could you count the number of words in each topic?

2- How many words are there in this sentence : "I have a cell phone. It's at the table."

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Alister Widdowson Hi Ghandi - I'm not sure I understand question one - can you explain? for question 2 - there are 9 words. 'It's' counts as one word. We need to say it's on the table though

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Chris LearnEnglish Hi Ghandi - we've talked a lot about how useful it is to know what 150 words look like in your handwriting. We talked about it in the hangout last Thursday.

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Chris LearnEnglish And there are 9 words in your example (but 'on the table', not 'at the table')

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Ghandi Ahmad Thanks dear Alister, I can't image you count all words in each topic one by one to ensure the first topic has more than 150 word and the second has more than 250. Do you do that?

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Ghandi Ahmad Thanks dear Chris,

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Laila Slaim I've a question: what's the best way to manage the time while answering the reading section which consists of 4 passages followed by 40 questions within 60 minutes??

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LE Freddie Hi Lalla. You have to practice strategies that will save you time answering the questions. Skimming and scanning are helpful. Skimming is used to get a general idea of th topic and the layout of an article and scanning is used to locate specific areas of a text. Combining these strategies instead of trying to read the whole passage word by word is essential for answering the question within the time limit.

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Laila Slaim Thank you Freddie. I totally agree with you that skimming and scanning are helpful and I actually use them at exams. However, I think I need practice. May God bless you.

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Walter Malagón Ruiz Good morning everyone. Here from Bogota, Colombia.

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LearnEnglish Tina Good afternoon Walter from Italy

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Walter Malagón Ruiz Hi there, how are you

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LearnEnglish Tina Hi everyone

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Patricia Sfx Hi Sir, I am from Myanmar. Actually, I am behind the topics. I began my week 4 this week. I posted my recording in speaking topic and I expected a reply from one of the educators. Please may I know if I am left out from the course being late.

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Patricia Sfx, no we're still going through the recordings and I'm sure we'll get to yours soon!
Neil

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SA Riya Hi.I'm from Bangladesh.my question is what is the different between 'home & house', 'cold & cool', 'hot & warm'.

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LE Freddie Hi SA. A home can be any place where you live, e.g. including an apartment. 'Cool' is a little weaker in meaning than 'cold', and 'warm' is a little weaker in meaning than 'hot'.

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SA Riya Thanks

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Write a reply...



Imèen Imèen hello sir !! please what's the diffrence between past perfect and present perfect I need to know when I should use each one

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LE Freddie Hi Imeen. The present perfect refers to actions which have finished but have an effect on the present. The past perfect refers to an action that happened before another action or important time in the past:

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LE Freddie <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/.../past-perfect>

past perfect

We use the verb had and the past participle for the past perfect: I had finished the work. She had gone . The past perfect continuous is formed with had been and the -ing form of the verb: I had been finishing the workShe had been going.

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LE Freddie <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/.../present-perfect>

present perfect

The present perfect is formed from the present tense of the verb have and the past participle of a verb: The present perfect continuous is formed with have/has been and the -ing form of the verb: Use We use the present perfect tense:

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Imèen Imèen thank you So much

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**LearnEnglish Tina** Bye Everyone

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**Dhital Yam** Hello ,Could we correct the sentence if we did mistakes in the speaking test by saying like this " Actually, what I was going to explain to you that was mistakenly said , but it was like this " Thank you in advance !

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**David Lewis** Hello Dhital, it's perfectly fine to correct yourself during the speaking test if you realise you have made a significant error. However, I'd advise you not to concentrate on this, but focus more on keeping going.

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**Dhital Yam** Thank you very much indeed David Lewis

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Write a reply...

**Reham Solieman** the certificate is evidence & supporting my cv

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**Chris LearnEnglish** Hi Reham - some people use the Statement of Participation as evidence of their own continuing professional development, yes

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**Reham Solieman** thank you Chris

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**Reham Solieman** this course is more helpful for me, i enjoy it

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**Pinky Chaudhary** How to tackle matching heading question in IELTS?

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**Chris LearnEnglish** Hi Pinky. I here's some advice on this in the course this week.<https://www.futurelearn.com/.../understanding.../steps/35672>**Page from Understanding IELTS - British Council**

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**Jairo Sánchez** Hi all of you. Ready to start.

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**LearnEnglish Tina** Hi

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Write a reply...



Hi, everyone.

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**Anwar Ali Nizamani** Thank you all. I need your help. I usually not perform well in reading, it just makes me confuse and I need a good performance and a good band. How could I improve it?

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**LearnEnglish Tina** Hi Anwar - to improve your reading, you need to read, read and read more! Here are some links that you may enjoy:
Reading skills practice (A1-B2) - <http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/.../reading...>
Read at your level - <http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/.../easy-reading...> See More**Skills | LearnEnglishTeens**

Practise and improve your reading skills for your school studies and your English exams. The...

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**Anwar Ali Nizamani** Thank you very much.

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**LearnEnglish Tina** no problem!

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**Dora Salamanca** What is correct:

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**LearnEnglish Tina** Hi Dora, I'm sorry I don't understand your question, which part would you like to know is correct?

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**Dora Salamanca** Which of these sentences is correct: "How much time does the interview take?" or "How long does the interview take?"

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**Simon LearnEnglish** Hi Dora, How long does the interview take? is the correct question.

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Write a reply...

**Margarita Burlakova** I give thank to our teachers who converts our dream to reality. Thank you

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**LearnEnglish Tina** Hi Margarita - are you enjoying the course so far?

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**Margarita Burlakova** Hi am really enjoying the course. I learned many new form for follow learning English. When the course'll finish I would like to back to pass the most important part for mi

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Write a reply...

**Mario Suárez Osnaya** Hi guys!, good afternoon!, how the things gone today for you?

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**Chris LearnEnglish** Hi Mario. Pretty good, thanks - the sun is finally shining in Manchester. How about you?

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**Mario Suárez Osnaya** Great!, here in Guanajuato Mexico, we have very hot weather this days. It is not rainy too often yet.

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□□□ Hi, Sir.

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**LearnEnglish Tina** Hello

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**Kim Kye** Sorry, there's one more thing I forgot to ask: Did you read all the written stuff in week 4? I mean this must be thousands of essays and letters..Do you comment on everything? Must be a hard job then, I think.

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**David Lewis** Hello Kim, we have tried to read everything that people have written, though unfortunately there isn't time to reply to everyone. As you say, it's a big job.

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Write a reply...

**Ahmed Kamel** Hi everybody, greeting to all LearnEnglish staff.

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**LearnEnglish Tina** Hi Ahmed how are you today?

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**Ahmed Kamel** Fine Tina, thank you. I'd love expressing my deep thankfulness to all you and hope to hear your replies to my questions.

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Write a reply...

**Nur Iman Binti Hamzah** Hello Educators. I'm Iman from Kuala Lumpur.

Which one is correct many other or many others? | looking forward to work with you or looking forward to working with you? thanks

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**Chris LearnEnglish** Hi Nur. The phrasal verb 'look forward to' takes a gerund so the second one is correct.

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**Nur Iman Binti Hamzah** I see. Thank you.

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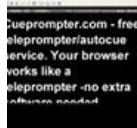


Hatsuna Yasuda What is the most effective strategies for reading and finishing all questions in the limited time? And are there any every day practise for that?

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David Lewis Are you on the Understanding IELTS course? if yes, there are some great tips for that in week 5. One nice idea is using a Teleprompter system to force you to read faster, like this one <http://www.cueprompter.com/>



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Hatsuna Yasuda Thank you very much for your reply!!

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Lot De Guzman Can I write my answers all in capital letters?

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David Lewis If you are talking about the listening and reading parts this is fine. However, I wouldn't recommend it for writing as it will slow you down and you waste time.

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Write a reply...



Sandra Maria Rivera Torres I read some of the comments here but I didn't understand how to enter to the live language clinic.

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LearnEnglish Tina Hi Sandra, you are in it now! you can just write your question, if you have one, like you did you comment above

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Sandra Maria Rivera Torres Ok, thanks a lot.

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Ojo Frankie Hardy Hi, let's get started

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LearnEnglish Tina Hi Ojo

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Dalia Cieza Hello Neil, I would like to ask about the quiz of week 2, I don't have very clear why must we use 'because' and not 'because of' or 'as result of' in the next sentence: The temperature in my country has increased in recent years. I think this is BECAUSE the world is getting warmer.

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Chris LearnEnglish Hi Dalia. We'd say 'because' + a clause. 'because he is too young' but 'because of' + a noun - 'because of his age'. Does that help explain it?

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Calvin Gomez 1. who will examine us? Like, will we have our examiners from our own country or from somewhere else???

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Simon LearnEnglish Hi Calvin, the examiner will likely be someone living in your country. They will be a native speaker or will be a local teacher who has done the IELTS test themselves and achieved a band 9 score.

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Al Aksashly Hi thanks a lot about the information you gave us its i am a student in high school i was so weak in English before i follow your page but now i feel my information became better than before

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LearnEnglish Tina Hi Al, that's brilliant to hear, you could also check out our [LearnEnglish Teens – British Council](#) for some more fun and interesting things to do

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 **LearnEnglish Tina** Here's the website too
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 **Trần Việt Tiên** Hi guys. I want to know if I can use words like "gonna", "gotta" while answering the examiner in the speaking test.

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 **LE Freddie** Hi Tran. I would avoid doing this in the speaking test as it is an exam of standard English.

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 **Trần Việt Tiên** Ok I see, thanks Freddie

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Nilar ShuneLett Hello.

There are so many courses for IELTS test in our country. I'd like to know whether BC also provides training courses for IELTS test online or not.

And which is better, learning in other courses or in BC?

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 **LearnEnglish – British Council** H Nilar ShuneLett, I'm sure there are other good courses available in your country, but I am confident that if you choose a British Council course you will not be disappointed!

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Makara Nou How consistent is it from one test version to another?

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 **LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Makara Nou, consistency is extremely important for IELTS and IELTS invest heavily in test design, piloting, monitoring and examiner training to ensure this.

Neil

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Pang Pavichaya Danuphatwarathorn Eit How can I manage my time in reading test?

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Sonia Iqbal Neverthelesscan u share sm examples by using it in sm sentences

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 **Lena Ann** http://traze.it/n_search.jsp?q=+Nevertheless&l=0

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Ashraf Abdalla Hi educators, I appreciate what u do to improve our language.. Please Suggest some novels for me that are easy to read

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Hind Nour Hi I was wondering if I can have material to work on with answers for reading

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Dawn Dew could you please give a hand, how to make word (carpool) in a sentence? in the case of verb!

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Lena Ann http://traze.it/n_search.jsp?q=carpool&i=0

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Dawn Dew thanks.

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Medou Ebat I want to know how to use neither, nor and either, or correctly.

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Lena Ann <http://dictionary.cambridge.org/.../neither-neither-nor...>

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Medou Ebat Thanks

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Kornphet Chaichaya Hi, educators. How can I improve speaking English if I doesn't speak English allday. I'm afraid that I will forget several words and I can't speak English well afterwards.

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Simon LearnEnglish Hi Kornphet, the best advice I can give is to make time to practice. Whether it is reading or listening, try to find time to practice... it's the only way to get better!

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Kornphet Chaichaya Thanks so much.

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Thu Rein Hi Good Evening Educator! Concerning with reading section, I'm always run out of time. How should I manage properly to answer each section. To me, I spend 20 minutes for each passage. First of all I read the paragraph carefully and spend like 7 minutes... [See More](#)

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Alister Widdowson Mingalar Ba! Timing is often tricky in the reading exam. Different people have different views on whether you should read the questions then the text or the other way round. the trick is to try different things and find what works best for you. As a te... [See More](#)

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Thu Rein Mingalar Mr. Alister. Thank you for your reply and advice. I am sure it will be useful. I will try the same thing as per your experience. Appreciate it. Thank you.

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Hossam Taj Alsier How we use ought

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Lena Ann <http://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/ought>

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Musab Benjadi Are you talking with me?

OR

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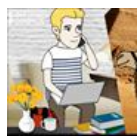
Please explain the different between them.

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Musab Benjadi, it would be 'are you talking to me?' It's present continuous tense, so you use the verb 'be' plus the -ing form of the verb. You can find out more here: <http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/.../present...>

Neil



The present continuous

 We use the present continuous (am/is/are + -ing) to talk about temporary things...

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[Unhide](#) · [Delete](#) · [Report](#) · [Ban Hind Abd Algadir](#)**رفيدة ثابت** Hello everyone good afternoon from sudan this is the first english clinic

I have a problem i am afraid when i am talking with people by english even when i talk about easy topic i feel my words are fly and i forget everything but when i write it and then reading for listener i do that perfect ,help me please Thank you

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 Pronunciation activities - <http://esol.britishcouncil.org/pronunciation>
 Communication strategies - <http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/.../communica...>
 Accuracy tips - <http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/.../accuracy>
 Fluency tips - <http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/.../fluency>
 Exam Speaking videos - <http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/.../typical...>
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Mohamed Saoud IELTS exam is considered to be an exam to test your ability speaking,reading, writing & listening English and test your skills and comprehensive of this language. However, in my opinion,I dont find IELTS exam is a real good test for English skills because it depends on luck to so me extent. what i mean is your score in this exam depends on Luck particularly in reading &writing.

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Mohamed Saoud, I'm not sure why you think it depends on luck! The tests are carefully designed to be reliable, consistent and to test the skills they say.

Neil

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Lot De Guzman I need 6.0 in reading and listening, how many correct answers should I strive to have?

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Mario Suarez Osnaya I want to know how can I improve my scan skills tor reading?

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Mano, check this blog for some good advice:

<http://www.cambridge.org/.../help-ielts-5-skimming-scanning/>

This page has some good activities to get started, even including a murder mystery game!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/topic/skimming-and-scanning>

Neil



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Dina Goner where could i register for the test

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Lot De Guzman Is there an appropriate format in writing dates and time in listening, reading and writing tests?

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Lot De Guzman, no any of the standard formats is fine.

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Anmad Ham Hello there , i need to get an E-book (PDF,.....) that includes English collocations . I also need to get a copy of Longman Language activator. Kindly help

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Silvana Delovska Mitrev I have read the above conversation and i shall use many links you gave us. Thank you educators!

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Sara Pavone hi Neil! i'm very happy for this opportunity to improve my English and i hope to be better in listening and speaking above!

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Ahmad Merghany Good evening from India, why is it, I always find people posting 30 min or so prior the time? Does it start before 13:30 GMT ?

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Ahmad Imerghany, no - it started on time! Are you sure you got the time difference correct?

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Ann Muston Question from one of my colleagues. In the writing task 2, if the question asks how far you agree or disagree, how explicit do you have to be in your agreement or disagreement?

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LE Freddie Hi Ann. It is important that, to get a high grade in writing, your position in relation to the question prompt is clear throughout the essay you write.

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Saalah Mahamoud Xaaji Yuusuf Hi Sir, Could you please simplify me this sentence..(But, if this world is not merely a bad joke, life a vulgar flare amid the cool radiance of the stars, and existence an empty laugh braying across the mysteries; if these intimations of a something... See More

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CNris LearnEnglish Its quite complex, Saalan, but there's an answer here: <http://www.quora.com/What-are-the-underlying-meanings-of...>



What are the underlying meanings of the sentences in bold that the...

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Hashem Ahmad I just need some advice to improve my reading because every time I start reading a book I face many difficult words which distort my understanding for the plot and context of the passage thanks

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Hashem Ahmad, first of all you need to choose carefully. If you find that you are having real problems understanding the general meaning of the text then you have chosen something too difficult for you. Like training for sport, you have to build up to reading more challenging texts step by step. If you don't you will become frustrated, lose motivation and certainly won't enjoy reading in English. Try starting with these activities, then try using the tools at the bottom of the list to help you with more advanced texts.

IELTS Reading Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DrATVKQ9yNg>

Reading skills practice (A1-B2) - <http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/.../reading...>

Read at your level - <http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/.../easy-reading>

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Reading tools:

<http://rewordify.com>

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Afroza Begum Kosy Hi, I am Afroza Begum Kosy. Please tell me how to make myself interested more in reading.

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Afroza Begum Kosy, that's a difficult question! It's a fact that not everyone enjoys reading, and if you are not a keen reader even in your own language, it's unlikely you will be more keen in English! However, I'm sure there are things that you are interested in which you could read about. To build your skills and improve your vocabulary, you can read a huge range of things. Almost anything you choose - magazines, blogs, newspapers, websites etc. will have some new vocabulary and will give you practice. So don't feel you have to read only one type of thing - find something you like or are interested in, then find online magazines or blogs related to that, and start practising! Once your reading improves then you can start looking at the types of text found in IELTS.

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Alvia Amdana What is the difference between 'wait' & 'await'?

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Alvia, await is a formal word meaning 'wait for' - the idea of 'for' is already included in the word. So for example you could say 'I am awaiting instructions'. With 'wait', you need to add 'for' - I'm waiting for instructions.

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Carlos Mora Dear tutors, basically, I just want to know the types of texts I will face on the reading section of the test. Thanks in advance!

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Carlos, check here for help with that:

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Ibrahim Ali try. + ing and infinitive, what is the difference? I tried to convince my mother. I tried convincing my mother.

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